

Application S/N 10/829,643
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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification shall remain as originally disclosed in U.S. Patent Application serial number 10/829,643.

PREVIOUSLY FILED UNENTERED AMENDMENTS

Applicant requests that all previously filed and unentered amendments not be entered. If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed, unless Applicant instructs otherwise. **Applicant hereby instructs otherwise.** If Applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, Applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). Applicant hereby requests that the unentered amendments to the claims as filed in the Response to the Final Rejection mailed on October 27, 2005, **not be entered.**

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following complete listing of all claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. The following listing of the claims shall supersede any previously filed but unentered amendments. The list begins on page 3 below.

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COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS

Claim 10 (Currently amended): A government issued vehicle license plate for identifying vehicles comprising:

- a) a metallic plate for the purpose of displaying identification indicia, and
- b) a combination of alpha-numeric and non-alphanumeric identification indicia displayed on said metallic plate, wherein said non-alphanumeric indicia used for vehicle identification are comprised of conventionally recognized symbols[.]], and
- c) any combination of non-alphanumeric identification indicia displayed on said metallic plate, wherein said non-alphanumeric identification indicia used for vehicle identification are comprised of conventionally recognized symbols.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): The government issued vehicle license plate of claim 10, wherein said non-alphanumeric identification indicia for the purpose of identifying vehicles are selected from the group consisting of a dollar sign, a cents sign, a question mark, an exclamation mark, and a lightning bolt symbol.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Cancelled)

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Claim 15 (Currently amended): A method for making a government issued vehicle license plate for the purpose of identifying vehicles comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a ~~means~~ metallic plate for the purpose of displaying identification indicia used for vehicle identification; and
- b) displaying a combination of alpha-numeric and non-alphanumeric identification indicia used for vehicle identification on said metallic plate, wherein said non-alphanumeric identification indicia used for vehicle identification are comprised of conventionally recognized symbols.

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Withdrawn)

Claim 18 (Withdrawn)

Claim 19 (Withdrawn)

Claim 20 (New): A method for using a government issued vehicle license plate containing non-alphanumeric identification indicia used in the identification of vehicles for the purpose of identifying vehicles comprising the steps of:

- a) reading a metallic plate containing a combination of non-alphanumeric identification indicia used in the identification of vehicles, wherein said non-alphanumeric identification indicia used for vehicle identification are comprised of conventionally recognized symbols, and
- b) comparing said combination of non-alphanumeric identification indicia to known vehicle registration records to determine ownership of a vehicle.

Claim 21 (New): A method of displaying additional identification indicia on a government issued vehicle license plate, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing an insert of one or more conventionally recognized symbols as non-alphanumeric identification indicia,
- b) combining an insert of said non-alphanumeric identification indicia adjacent to alphanumeric identification indicia, and
- c) substituting an insert of said non-alphanumeric identification indicia, in lieu of said alphanumeric identification indicia,

whereby said non-alphanumeric identification indicia satisfies government requirements for the license plate function of vehicle identification, and

whereby said non-alphanumeric identification indicia adjacent to, or in lieu of said alphanumeric identification indicia constitute identification criteria required to issue a government approved vehicle license plate.

Claim 22 (New): The government issued vehicle license plate of claim 21, wherein said non-alphanumeric identification indicia for the purpose of identifying vehicles are selected from the group consisting of a dollar sign, a cents sign, a question mark, an exclamation mark, and a lightning bolt symbol.

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Claim 23 (New): The government issued vehicle license plate of claim 21, wherein, any combination of said alphanumeric identification indicia and said non-alphanumeric identification indicia, function as the identification means required to issue a specific personalized license plate.

Claim 24 (New): The government issued vehicle license plate of claim 21, wherein, an addition of said non-alphanumeric identification indicia to a previously issued personalized license plate containing only said alphanumeric identification indicia, functions as new identification means to allow a re-issue of said previously issued personalized license plate.